

I am writing in support of S.1046, introduced today by Senators Stevens, Hollings, Burns, Dorgan, Lott, and Wyden. This bill seeks to maintain the current 35 percent limit on the audience reach the nation's largest broadcasters may control nationwide. I personally have experienced media conglomeration on a small scale. Local television stations have merged with each other. Consequently instead of providing better news coverage (perhaps the only broadcasting they provide of any use to the local community) the quality plummeted - not only were there fewer viewpoints, it is quite evident that far less time and effort was being put into reporting in general. There is no good reason to allow this to happen on a larger scale. Quite frankly there is no good reason for this (conglomeration) to have happened in Dayton Ohio.